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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Dear Commissioner:

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2005, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on February 1, 2006. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time with the appropriate fee is being submitted with this Amendment to extend the period for reply to May 1, 2006. Therefore, this Response is timely submitted. Also submitted with this Response is a request for continued examination (RCE).

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Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments
and Remarks.